

SALVATIONISTS.

Commander Booth Will Not Organize a Separate Army.

He and Mrs. Booth Deny That They Refused to Obey Orders.

No Plans for the Future Are Being Made—A Statement Will Be Made Soon as to the Method of Turning Over the Proprieties to the New Commander.

Most CLAIR, N. J., Feb. 28.—A reporter of the United Press who called upon Commander Booth at his home here Thursday afternoon, has the commander's authority for saying the following:

1. Commander Booth is not organizing a separate Salvation Army. If the commander and Mrs. Booth head any movement it will probably be one of the most peaceful in the world. His friends have said, they have a large field before them for usefulness.

2. It has been said by the commandants, Mr. and Mrs. Booth, in command that Commander and Mrs. Booth have refused to obey orders. The commandants and Mrs. Booth most emphatically and persistently deny this. They have said as they wrote to the headquarters of the Salvation Army, London, that they could not take another command for certain reasons well known to Gen. Booth, and for these reasons would have been willing to have gone anywhere. Moreover, they have not received any orders beyond their present duty dismissed.

3. They are not making any plans for the future just at present. Indeed, they express themselves as too worn and weary in body and mind to undertake the reflection of such an important problem.

4. Neither Commander nor Mrs. Booth have, as has been alleged, consulted the committee which was appointed at the meeting held at Broadview last Saturday in New York, with respect to their future work.

5. It is said that Commander and Mrs. Booth will make a statement on Saturday or Monday to the press and to the members of the proprieties and respective banking accounts of the movement to the new commander.

When asked by the reporter of the United Press what he thought of Brig. Brewster's action in writing against him, the brigadier said:

"I thought the brigadier's statement weak and undignified, and was surprised that the first public statement should have come from Brig. Brewster, for whom I care no more."

Mrs. Booth, who was brought to the verge of collapse by the severe mental strain of the past week or ten days, the commander said, was somewhat improved, although still unable to leave her home. Commander Booth, who was himself made quite ill from the combined mental and physical exertion, was very much better and trusts shortly to be able again.

A NEW RIFLE.

It is the invention of an Iowa Man and Causes Astonishment in Army Circles.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 28.—Thursday morning ex-Lieutenant James Gratz, of the 10th Cavalry, a graduate of V.M.I., and his attorney, qualified in the court on the word of "Wood" in the case of 3000. The papers were given to Court Officer James Burke, who presented them to the jail and presented them to Sheriff Archibald. Wood was released.

Very Important. *Continued.*

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 28.—Ator-
tate H. T. Clay, of Wayne county, who has been retained by Scott Jackson to assist defense in his trial, stated here that when Pearl Bryan was still alive and that she had been in the Clay home when she was the proper time arrested, would disclose the entire mystery surrounding the murder.

WAR WITH SPAIN

On Account of the Resolutions Reported From the Foreign Affairs Committee Not Having Regarded as Warlike.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The responsibility of war with Spain as a result of the Cuban resolutions reported from the foreign affairs committee Thursday is not shared by the president, but by all members of the house. It is argued that the resolutions do not in the first place recognize the belligerency of the rebels, but they simply show that a state of war exists here, leaving the president to decide whether it is a belligerent recognition by proclamation when desirable. That a state of war does exist there, they say, is manifest both from the reports of Spanish commissioners in the island and the several proclamations of Gen. Weyler issued since his arrival in Cuba. So far as our right to interfere to protect American property in Cuba is concerned, the same right, it is claimed, exists under international usage, and the necessity is still stronger since the state department has taken a position which virtually stops us from claiming damages under present conditions. It is argued, however, that no recognition of the belligerency might be to the Spanish government, they are in no position to enter into a war with the United States, and would not do so without certain such a proposal.

It is pointed out that while France and Great Britain recognized the belligerency of the confederates during the war of secession, we could not recognize the enemies of our government were taxed to the limit to suppress our own people. Spain, it is asserted, is less prepared for a foreign war at this time than the United States was 34 years ago.

FROM ACTIVE SERVICE

Mr. Adm. Carpenter and Medical Director Waites Retire on Account of Age.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—R. Adm. George Carpenter, medical director of the navy, has, after a career of 35 years, accepted his retirement.

Mr. Carpenter, 62, was born at

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 28.—A dis-

patch from Florence, S. C., to the

newspaper says:

Forlorn suffered another serious

conflictation at 4 o'clock Thursday

morning. The approximate loss on

buildings and merchandise is \$100,000.

Twenty-four stores on the ground floor of the Ellis block. The following estates

burned out:

Sigh & Tucker, three insurance stores;

Sulzbacher & Sons, jewelers; F. L. Lake & Co., drug store; C. H. Smith, druggist; Morris, F. C., druggist; the Banner and Messenger newspaper office; Western Union telegraph office; Knights of Pythias castle hall and contents; Orders: Highway Conductors, division road; H. E. Goe, dentist; Dr. F. H. McDonald, dentist; C. H. Smith, photograph gallery; Lauder's hardware shop; O. S. Ellis, office and rooms; Mrs. Morgan, millinery store.

The post office and the small market were severely damaged, but were not entirely destroyed.

Charles & Haldrow, general mercan-

dis, and the Central hotel block were

badly damaged by water.

To add to the misfortune, George Williams, a member of the Ellis block, who was sleeping in the Ellis block, was

cremated. The searchers found the charred body at one o'clock. In

surance was but one-half. Cause of

fire unknown.

AFTER LAND.

Suit Begun at North Platte, Neb., to Declare Forfeited

Twenty-Five Thousand Acres in Lincoln County, Held by Aliens.

The Property is Valued at a Million Dollars—This is the First Suit Under the New Law. The Rush for Public Lands in Northwest Iowa.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 28.—Suit has been begun at North Platte, in Lincoln county, to declare forfeited to the state twenty-five thousand acres of land that is now held by an alien.

The property is controlled by what is known as the North Platte Land and Water Co., and the original owner was Lord Ogleby, of London, England, who in 1868 disposed of it to Englishmen who had come to the United States to settle mainly in Kansas City. Suit is brought under a law passed by the legislature in 1891, which declares forfeited property held by aliens.

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